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1. EMBOFF MET JULY 12 WITH V.L. BORISOV, COUNSELOR OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, TO OBTAIN SOVIET RESPONSE TO BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND US VIEWS ON SUBJECT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED PREVIOUSLY TO MFA IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REPAIR.

2. BORISOV OPENED BY STATING THAT SOVIETS SHARE US VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEE MEETING TO FUTURE WORK OF UNIDO, AND IN GENERAL SUPPORT US POSITIONS ON MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED THERE. HE AGREED THAT FORMULATION OF LONG-RANGE STRATEGY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND THAT SERIOUS ATTENTION MUST BE DEVOTED TO IT, ADDING THAT SOVIET SIDE NOW TRYING TO EXAMINE THIS SUBJECT AS DEEPLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. REGARDING US VIEW THAT SUCH BASIC QUESTIONS AS IDENTIFYING MOST URGENT NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DETERMINING HOW UNIDO

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RESOURCES CAN BEST BE UTILIZED MUST BE ANSWERED IN

CARRYING FORWARD WORK ON REALISTIC, LONG-RANGE UNIDO STRATEGY IF UNIDO IS TO CORRECT ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMMATIC WEAKNESSES, BORISOV STATED THIS VIEW "COMPLETELY CORRECT" AND ONE WHICH SOVIETS FULLY SUPPORT. HE COMMENTED THAT UNTIL NOW MOST ATTENTION HAD BEEN PAID TO OBTAINING FUNDS, AND TOO LITTLE ATTENTION TO UTILIZING THEM. "WE ARE WITH YOU ON THIS," HE ADDED.

4. TURNING TO QUESTION OF BUDGET, BORISOV CONTINUED THAT UNTIL MATTERS SUCH AS IDENTIFICATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEEDS AND PROPER UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES ARE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY, SOVIETS AGREE THAT IT NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY TO INCREASE 1974-75 BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND THAT USSR SUPPORTS US POSITION ON THIS AS WILL. BORISOV EMPHASIZED THAT SOVIETS BELIEVE FUTURE EXPENDITURES BY US ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD REMAIN STABLE, AND REPEATED THAT USSR DOES NOT RPT NOT FAVOR INCREASE IN UNIDO BUDGET.

5. IN CONCLUSION, BORISOV MENTIONED THAT SOVDEL TO JULY 25 MEETING WILL BE HEADED BY INIDO SOVREP AMBASSADOR ARKADEV (WHO WAS ALSO MEMBER OF GROUP OF EXPERTS), AND THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH US DESIRE TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN WORK OF COMMITTEE ARKADEV WOULD REMAIN THROUGHOUT MEETINGS UNTIL WORK OF COMMITTEE COMPLETED.
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